

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-19 have been amended, claim 11 has been cancelled and one new claim has been added. Examination of the application is requested. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully Submitted,

**CARLSON, GASKEY & OLDS, P.C.**

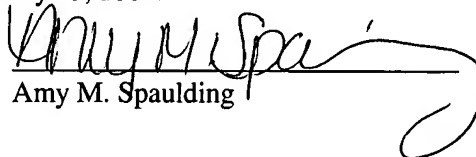


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**CERTIFICATE OF MAIL**

I hereby certify that the enclosed preliminary amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 25, 2004.

  
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